

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An emergency release mechanism for a railway drawbar comprising:

- a) a two sided threaded stud, said stud passing through an opening in a drawbar body with a first threaded end screwed into a release rail; and
- b) a nut screwed onto a second threaded end to hold said release rail proximate to said drawbar body, wherein a recess is formed in said release rail around a threaded opening in said release rail to receive said first threaded end, said recess being wider than a width of said body of said stud and being engageable with a body of said two sided threaded stud.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The emergency release mechanism, according to claim 2 1, wherein said recess has a width wider than any width of said body of said stud.

Claim 4 (Original): The emergency release mechanism, according to claim 1, wherein said nut is a lock nut.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The emergency release mechanism, according to claim 1, wherein said stud comprises a single threaded stud and a threaded bar screwed into a tapped opening of said single threaded stud.

Claim 6 (Original): The emergency release mechanism, according to claim 1, wherein said second threaded end includes a dowel extension having a wrench interface for attaching a wrench to said dowel extension during assembly of said emergency release mechanism.

Claim 7 (Original): The emergency release mechanism, according to claim 6, wherein said dowel extension includes a through opening for receiving a retaining wire.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An emergency release mechanism for a railway drawbar comprising:

a) a threaded fastener stud having an unthreaded body portion, said fastener stud passing through an opening in a drawbar body, and a said body of said fastener stud engageable and secured to a release rail, wherein a recess is formed in said release rail to receive said fastener stud, said recess being wider than the body of said stud; and

b) a fastener secured to one end of said fastener stud to hold said release rail proximate to said drawbar body.

Claim 9 (Original): The emergency release mechanism, according to claim 8, wherein said body of said fastener stud is secured to said release rail by a first threaded portion of said fastener stud, said first threaded portion having been screwed into a tapped opening in said release rail.

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The emergency release mechanism, according to claim ~~10~~ 9, wherein said body of said fastener stud ~~is wider than said recess~~ having has a flat bottom such that said recess surface is engageable with said ~~body~~ flat bottom of said fastener stud.

Claim 12 (Original): The emergency release mechanism, according to claim 8, wherein said fastener secured to one end of said fastener stud is a nut having been screwed onto a second threaded end of said fastener stud.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of attaching a shear mechanism to a railroad drawbar, ~~according to claim 13, wherein step a) comprises~~ comprising the steps of:

- a) securing a body of a stud to a release rail;
- b) passing said stud through an opening in a drawbar body;
- a c) forming a recess in said release rail;
- b d) forming an aperture in said release rail, a rim of said aperture being located in a surface of said recess; and
- e e) securing into said aperture a first connector of said stud, said stud having said first connector, said body, and a second connector, such that there is a tight fit between said surface of said recess and said body of said stud.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of forming a shear mechanism, according to claim 14, wherein said step of forming a recess includes forming a flat bottomed recess such that said recess is engageable with a surface of said body of said stud adjacent said first connector of said stud.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).